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1. Concentration of Soviet troops continues to be greatest in Lower Silesia, with engineers ("latiuska units") and the air force predominating. Following are changes and anticipated changes:
 - (a) Wroclaw. The barracks now occupied by the Wroclaw-Karlswice Army supposedly will be emptied and put at the disposal of the Soviet Army.
 - (b) Brzeg. According to unconfirmed reports the entire garrison (about 18 thousand troops) will leave for maneuvers. On 8 Sep 47 some 210 engineers left in the direction of Pirarszew.
 - (c) Opole. Barracks heretofore occupied by the Polish Army have been transferred to the Soviet armored forces.
 - (d) Bialystok and Olsztyn. Information that Soviet Forces are coming into Malberg is confirmed. Units currently are arriving in Krolewic and Braniew. Around Bialystok no units other than guards at railroad junctions and NKVD have been noticed.
 - (e) In late October and early November transports of Russian families from the Soviet Zone (no indication as to whether this refers to Soviet Zone of Germany) arrived at Koszalin and Slupsk. Soviet quartermasters are surveying space in Slupsk, where two Soviet divisions are expected.
 2. Following is some information on military installations:
 - (a) Pepice (Brzeg region) - An airfield some 170 ha in size.
 - (b) Olawa airfield (near the Wroclaw-Olawa road) - larger pursuit units noted.
 - (c) Modly (between Lignica and Zagan, north of Wroclaw) - An old German underground factory for production of V-1 and V-2 rockets is located here. It is now occupied by Soviet troops (two or three divisions), aircraft and engineer units. The terrain is forested and surrounded by barbed wire, and is well patrolled and guarded. In the forests nearby are large dumps and storage space, all guarded by Soviet troops.

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3. Since 1 Oct 47 all observation points in port commander offices along the coast have been manned night and day by Soviet observers who stand eight-hour watches. Two observers man each tower and notify the Soviet speedboat flotilla at Okaywie of any suspicious activities. The flotilla is permanently stationed in the specially built basin in Okaywie harbor.

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